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SUBJECT: ALLEGATIONS OF GOI TRANSFER OF PATRIOT
- TECHNOLOGY TO CHINA

1. (C) SUMMARY: ALLEGATIONS OF GOI PATRIOT TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER TO CHINA HAVE HIT THE ISRAELI MEDIA. GOI SPOKESMEN HAVE ISSUED FIRM DENIALS. THREE SOURCES -- A DOVISH ANALYST, A PRO-GOI STRATEGIST ISRAELI, AND A MOD OFFICIAL -- THOUGHT THE CHARGES UNTRUE, BUT THEY AGREED

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THAT, IF CONFIRMED, THE ACT WOULD HAVE BEEN
EXCEPTIONALLY STUPID. ONE SUGGESTED THAT THE STORY IN
THE "WASHINGTON TIMES," MAY HAVE BEEN LEAKED BY A LOW
LEVEL USG ANALYST WHO HAD ALLOWED HIS JUDGMENT TO BE
CLOUDED BY TENSIONS IN THE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP.
CONTACTS WERE CONCERNED OVER THE IMPACT OF THE STORY.
END COMMENT.

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2. (U) ALL ISRAELI MEDIA MARCH 13 HEADLINED THE WASHINGTON TIMES STORY OF ALLEGED U.S. ACCUSATIONS THAT ISRAEL HAS SUPPLIED PATRIOT MISSILES OR TECHNOLOGY TO CHINA, TOGETHER WITH A DENIAL THEREOF BY MOD SPOKESMAN DANNY NAVEH, CHARACTERIZING IT AS "TOTALLY FALSE AND BASELESS." ACCORDING TO THE "JERUSALEM POST," AND "A BASELESS LIE," ACCORDING TO THE "VOICE OF ISRAEL" RADIO. THE "POST" CITED REUTERS REPORTS OF UNIDENTIFIED "NYC JEWISH SOURCES" EXPLAINING THE LEAK AS A RESPONSE TO SECRETARY BAKER'S ALLEGED INSULT TO JEWISH VOTERS.

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OPPOSITION REACTION: "TOO DUMB TO BE TRUE"
3. (C)
RESEARCH ASSOCIATE
TOLD POLOFF MARCH 13 THAT
HE THOUGHT THE STORY WAS "BALONEY." "WE ISRAELIS DO
THEGOL THINGS FROM TIME TO TIME, BUT THIS WOULD BE JUST
TOD GROSS, " HE SAID. ADDED THAT THERE SEEMED TO
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BE A PATTERN: EACH TIME DEFMIN ARENS GOES TO THE U.S.,
"SOMETHING IS WAITING FOR HIM"
RIGHTIST ANALYST DOWNPLAYS THE STORY
4. (C) A LIKUD-DRIENTED STRATEGIC THINKER
DESCRIBED THE AFFAIR AS "ARENS
GETTING A PIE IN THE FACE. " HE CLAIMED THAT WHEN ARENS
BREVIOUSLY MET AS FORMIN WITH SECRETARY BAKER, AKENS
WOULD BE SURPRISED THE NEXT DAY BY DESCRIPTIONS OF HIS
CONVERSATIONS IN THE PRESS OR IN CONGRESSIONAL
THE STILL
TESTIMONY. SAID THAT MUST ISRAELIS HUPED THE STOKE WAS NOT TRUE, BUT IF IT WERE, IT WAS "STUPID, HORRIBLE,
WAS NOT TRUE, BUT IF IT WERE, IT WAS STOTEN TOWNS
AND THOSE RESPONSIBLE ARE FOOLS." HE THOUGHT IT
REFLECTED EXISTING TENSIONS IN GOI-USG RELATIONS, AND
HAS AN INTENTIONAL LEAK NOT NECESSARILY HIGH LEVEL -
BUT PERHAPS BY SOME ANALYST DOWN IN THE "BOILER ROOM."

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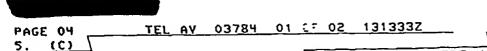
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ALSO THOUGHT THERE WAS NOTHING IN THE STORY. "IT WOULD BE STUPID" FOR THE GOI TO DO ANYTHING OF THE SORT, HE REPEATED, AND SAID HE DID NOT REMEMBER HEARING SUCH A FLAT, STRONG DENIAL IN A LONG TIME. HE NOTED THAT THE CHINESE HAD ALSO OFFICIALLY DENIED IT. "I'M AFRAID THIS STORY IS WHAT OUR ISRAELI JOURNALISTS CALL A 'DUCK'," HE SAID.

6. (C) COMMENT: DESPITE THEIR SKEPTICISM, WE SENSE AN UNDERCURRENT OF NERVOUSNESS IN OUR ISRAELI CONTACTS.
SINCE VERY FEW HERE WOULD HAVE ACCESS TO SUCH INFORMATION. THOUGHTFUL ISRAELIS HOPE IT IS NOT TRUE,

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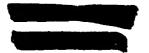
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AND FEAR PROBLEMS IN THE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP IF IT SHOULD BE. MEANWHILE, OUR USIS PRESS ATTACHE HAS RECEIVED NO INQUIRIES FROM ISRAELIS. HARROP



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